



Kellys Directory Extract 1867



Alvediston

Alvediston is a parish, in the Southern Division of the county, hundred of Chalk. Tisbury Union, Hindon petty sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Salisbury diocese and archdeaconry, and Chalk rural deanery, 14 miles west from Salisbury, 7 east from Shaftesbury, and 8½ south-east from Hindon. It lies for the most part in a deep bottom or hollow, on the left of the turnpike road leading from Salisbury to Shaftesbury, from which the usual mode of approach by pedestrians is the ascent by means of foot-holes in the almost perpendicular northern side of the White Sheet Hill, the great exertion consequent upon which is compensated by the beautiful commanding view of the surrounding country obtained, before making a nearly sudden decent on the opposite side of the hill into Alvediston below. In the neighbourhood begins a lofty down, known as White Sheet Hill, extending till it nearly reaches the city of Salisbury, a distance of 15 miles. On the summit of this hill, and along the whole of its length formerly ran the turnpike road to Salisbury and London. The church of St. Mary the Virgin is an ancient structure: it was thoroughly repaired by the inhabitants in 1866, and all the old monuments restored; it has a nave, chancel, two transepts, and a tower containing 3 bells: the east window is a beautiful painted one, given by Lady Herbert, of Lea, in memory of her late husband: the font is of great antiquity, said to be Norman: the church will seat 160 persons. The register dates from 1592. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £100, with residence, in the patronage of the vicar of Broad Chalk, and held by the Rev. Philip Soublieu Desprez, B.D. The Earl of Pembroke is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are William Wyndham, Esq., of Dinton House, the Earl of Pembroke, and William Day, Esq. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley, and beans. The area is 2,531 acres, and the population in 1861 was 267.

Parish Clerk - William King

Letters are received from Salisbury, via Swallowcliff. The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury.

National School - Miss Kate Carley, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents/Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Carley	Kate	Miss	Schoolmistress	
Day	John Barham		Trainer	Alvediston House
Day	William	Esq.		Alvediston House
Desprez	Philip Soublieu	Rev., B.D.		Vicarage
King	William		Shopkeeper & Parish Clerk	
Mathews	Henry		Smith	
Mullins	William		Innkeeper, Shopkeeper & Carrier	Crown Inn
Parham	Henry		Farmer	
Rogers	John		Farmer	